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in it or blender in the same case with the other meats?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes it does. You can have it in the same case. It just needs--

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: If it's properly labeled and so stated with the sign probably above it or something that's the same size as you would present and advertise the other meat?

SENATOR SCHMIT: That's right.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: Okay. Thank you. That answers my question, objection, if any.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you Senator.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion? Senator Schmit, do you care to close?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I'd just like to say. I agree with Senator Kelly in, in principle, the labeling laws are extensive and comprehensive and they do serve to protect the public but I think that it's also--should be pointed out that many people do not read the labels, they do not, they are unable to read the labeling because the printing is not necessarily always clear and precise and identification is not always as positive as it should be. I believe that this amendment is a reasonable one. I believe that it needs, in the interest of the consuming public, it needs to be adopted. We have discussed the enforcement with the Department of Agriculture. There will be no serious problem. It is very likely that no problem will occur. If none does occur, then certainly no harm is done. If the Department does find a flagrant abuse of the, of the synthetic products, then they can take those, those steps which might need to be taken to protect the public and it's, it is a very simple and it's very, it's very easy to explain. It's just a consumer protection item and it should be part of the law and I would urge you very seriously to consider adoption of the amendment and pass it on to E&R.

SPEAKER: Are you ready for the question? All those in favor of returning the bill to select file for this, oh it's been returned, now we're voting on the adoption of the Schmit amendment. All those in favor of adopting the amendment vote aye. Those opposed vote no.

(End of Belt #19)